

HB 674 -- OFFICIAL STATE DOG DESIGNATIONS

SPONSOR: Dohrman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 1 and 1 present. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill designates the dog known as "Old Drum" as the official state historical dog and the dog known as "Jim the Wonder Dog" as Missouri's official Wonder Dog.

This bill is the same as HB 2581 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help promote tourism and the state's history. The "Eulogy to Old Drum" coined the phrase "Man's Best Friend." Jim the "Wonder Dog" is an important part of the history of Saline County and brings thousands of people to visit each year.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dohrman; Julie Turnipseed, Warrensburg Main Street; Donna G Huston, Friends of Jim; Larry Arrowood, Friends of Jim The Wonder Dog; and Courtney Stephens, Warrensburg Convention And Visitors Bureau.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.